SWYM

The Newsletter for SEATUG

Next Meeting: August 1, 7:30 P.M. University Federal Savings Bank

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MINUTES WITH SEATUG

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The meeting began at 7:40 P.M. President Derryck Turner presiding.

There were 11 members present. We welcomed two new members, that month: Bill Tirrill of Seattle, who was present, and Denis Nickel, of Saukville, Wisconsin, who was not. Bill is a QL user having a bit of hardware difficulty and sought our club for help. He came to the right place! Welcome, Bill and Denis, to our ever-expanding users group !

Dave Battershill gave the Treasurer's Report of $172.33. This was, however, before the auction began. Things improved tremendously, after that !

QL writer and user Ken Goods reported some very interesting information from the SLIX Newsletter. This is the Sinclair Information Exchange, run by Bill Miller of Cupertino, California. The sample issue detailed a UNIX operating system for the QL, the availability of a "Gold Card" for same, which centers on a 68000 CPU chip of 16MHz and 2MB of RAM and is designed to replace the Trump Card by adding the attractive feature of PC XT emulation and (this is the zinger ...!) a 386-DX PC acting as a front-end file-server for the TS1000! Ok, all you guys who thought "the doorstop" was much too slow, start eating crow! By the way, if you're interested in SLIX, write to Bill Miller, 6615 Clifford Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014-4530 or call 408-253-3175. Tell him you read about it in SWYM.

BBS Sysop and newsletter exchange reviewer Robert Cazares reported receipt of Vol 1, No. 1 of the "ZX-er QLIVE ALIVE!, the official newsletter of the Timex/Sinclair North American Users Group. This is the same group that we knew previously as SNUG . ZX-er QLIVE ALIVE! is published by Bill Swoger and Don Lambert, formally of CRAGIST. You remember Don? We've reprinted a couple of his CRAGIST articles and have been continually (when possible) receiving technical information on Mike DeLuc's TS1000 Development System, which will be published in full by SEATUG at a later date. The new newsletter looks better than the old "Round-Up" and even has advertisements! Additionally, T/SNUG is now running its own BBS (708-576- 7072)! Upload or download articles, ads or any other valuable info. Dues for T/SNUG are $12/yr for individuals or $15/yr for clubs. Contact Bob Swoger at 613 Parkside Circle, Streamwood, IL 60107-1647 or Don Lambert at 1301 Kiblinger Place, Auburn, IN 46706.

Robert also reports a revamp of his own BBS, PHOTO-SYNTHESIS. Although the Sinclair/Echo has withered, a mainline connection to Washington, D.C. is still going strong, giving nationwide coverage. The biggest news here was that his BBS will be acquiring international support channels! Check up on those European Spectrum users! So, why the revamping? A severe system crash wiped out a lot of files, prompting a ground-zero build-up. Everything's new! Call up 206-323-2433 and discover a lot of fun!!

In case anyone is looking for 3-1/2" disks in quantity, contact Dave Battershill. He just

happens to have a line from a Seattle replicator company and can get "rejects" for 50 cents apiece!

After the official meeting, there was a short break, after which The Auction commenced. Well, not immediately after. It seems there was a minor discussion regarding the acceptance of credit from anyone who wanted to bid but didn't bring money. The details arising from this were getting a bit complicated, so it was decided to accept credit on the basis that, hey, we know where you live, bub!

Eventually, the meat of the meeting (or dessert!), namely, The Auction, got underway. If you weren't there, you really missed out on some great bargains! How about a 2068 for $25? Or that 48K Spectrum system, with Amdek disk drives, microdrives, interfaces, etc. for a measly $56?? The "briefcase 1500" sold for $35, a G E computer-compatible cassette recorder for $15, 2040 for $9, 2050 for $5, 16K RAMS for $3 and $2, the Time Designs (remember them?) published 2068 Tech Manual (you know, the good one) for just $6 , etc., etc. Each of the remaining items went for eight-or- much- less dollars. A few items were withheld from the auction list, and were given to the club to be used as a general benefit. One of these items was the RGB interface, which, it turned out, was the "missing board" to SEATUG's EPROM programmer! Speaking of which, who is the member that took it home after the previous month's meeting? Pat is temporarily holding the "RGB" board.

After the smoke cleared, the club found itself $203 dollars richer! Plus, there was an announcement of additional forth-coming donated equipment! Now, listen here, you local members who don't attend much. If there is any time to take advantage of your valuable membership, it's during auction time. Don't you agree?? You can be sure there will be more, at least until each and every SEATUG member is thoroughly saturated in T/S equipment, software and books! Nuff said!